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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHILDS

SUBJECT: Problems Connected with NIS

1. In preparation for our forthcoming meeting with Captain Knowles, I believe it might be profitable if we reduced to writing the main points of our party line which we will support on that occasion. By significant coincidence, I had a discussion with Mr. Ross Ingersoll of the Department of State, who concurs in the views which I told him that we were adopting regarding this whole problem. Accordingly, I recommend that the following points be the main guides in our discussion with Captain Knowles:

a. That each customer of the NIS should have the right to determine the actual quantity of each chapter required for departmental usage and not be compelled to take the NIS in unit fashion across the board.

b. That CIA print the quantities required to meet agency current demands.

c. That CIA print master stencils from the metal plate and give one of each stencil to the customer agencies for retention and for reproduction purposes in the future.

d. That the NIS production function under Captain Knowles be carried on as at present, but concentrate its efforts solely on production, and that the distribution of NIS be put squarely under the jurisdiction of OCD.

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